

# ABILENE REFLECTOR

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## CURRENT COMMENT.

GERMANY'S colonization scheme for Zanzibar is condemned by many of the German newspapers.

Four brokers who acted for Farquharson, the defaulting manager of the Dublin Munster Bank, have failed.

COLONEL FRED GRANT, it is said, intends to abandon military aspirations and will take a position as civil engineer of a railroad.

THE aristocratic citizens of St. Petersburg are donating money for the purchase of a silver tea service to be presented to Mr. Gladstone.

MISS JOSIE CROKER, an actress at Chicago, was in court recently charged with the larceny of the manuscript of Bartley Campbell's "Galley Slave."

A COUPLE ran away and got married at Birmingham, Ala., the other day. They were both nearly seventy years old, and eloped so get rid of the opposition of their children.

LAURA CLAXTON, the two-year-old child stolen July 11 from the sidewalk near its home in Philadelphia, was recovered by detectives at Chester, Pa. Ellen Deary, the woman having the child in charge, was arrested.

It was estimated in Washington that not less than ten million acres in addition to the lands mentioned in a long list recently published by the General Land Office are illegally enclosed, of which the special agents of the department have not had time to make examination and specific reports.

COTTON crop reports from nearly every section of Texas indicate considerable damage from drought. In a number of places the plant is reported as shedding freely and being otherwise injured. Notwithstanding this, there is no report from any section which does not estimate a better yield than last year.

A. D. ACERS, the Wichita Falls (Tex.) postmaster suspended by Inspector Smith, has been arrested by United States Deputy Marshal Morton upon the charge of opening letters of other parties while in his charge. Acers was arraigned before Commissioner Hogan and was placed under two thousand five hundred dollars bond for his appearance.

GENERAL WINFIELD S. HANCOCK, having completed the duties imposed upon him in connection with the "sequestration" of General Grant, issues a bulletin thanking in detail the organizations and commanders, military, naval, veteran, civil and municipal, that assisted. His obligations to the members of his staff are acknowledged by name. He speaks of the presence of General Gordon, of Georgia, and General Lee, of Virginia, as especially gratifying.

JUDGE CHENOWETH said at Washington recently that the investigation of the Coast Survey Bureau and the report thereon to the Secretary of the Treasury were completed, and nothing more remained to be done in the matter by him. He denied contemplating a supplementary report on the workings of the bureau, and he said it was not necessary. He expected to return to Washington in about three weeks, when he intended to begin an investigation into the condition and workings of the Geological Survey. The Fish Commission will also be investigated.

A WASHINGTON special states that the Internal Revenue authorities have reason to suspect there has been an extensive system of whisky fraud by means of bogus barrels made of staves thickened about the bung hole, some of which have recently been discovered in use in one of the largest distilleries in Cincinnati. By the use of these barrels the gauge will show a less amount of liquor in a package than it actually contains, and the Government consequently is defrauded of the tax on the excess, which would have aggregated a large sum had not the fraud been detected.

EX-SECRETARY TELLER, who was recently in Chicago, denied that the leases to the cattlemen as first granted by the Cheyenne and Arapahoe tribes in 1883, had ever been sanctioned or recognized by him as Secretary of the Interior. He says he specifically stated at the time, and incorporated his statement in his reports of 1883-4, that the Government reserved the right to interfere with the cattlemen and remove them whenever it became necessary, either of its own motion or from complaints of the Indians. In this connection he announced to the cattlemen that if such occupation proved agreeable to the Indians the Government would not interfere with possession.

THERE is a wide-spread belief of voodooism among the negroes of Atlanta. Hundreds of colored people are held under thralldom by conjure doctors, who vow terrible punishments against their victims if they fail to come up with their regular contributions. Ambrose Belden, a well-to-do negro of that city, who was under the influence of one of these wretches, dismissed him. The conjuror, a revolting looking spectacle, turned upon Belden, and shaking his finger at him, said menacingly: "For this year you shall burn, and burn, and burn." The next day Belden felt what he imagined to be fire burning fiercely within him. He has taken to his bed and his case baffles the skill of the doctors, who say that he will surely die.

# THE WORLD AT LARGE.

## A Summary of the Daily News.

### PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

MOSSES, ex-Governor of South Carolina, was again arrested at Boston for obtaining money under false pretenses.

A DISPATCH from Placerville, Cal., of the 11th says: James W. Marshall, the discoverer of gold in California, died yesterday at his home at Colusa. He was seventy-four years old and died a poverty-stricken and disappointed man, having lost all his property by the cupidity of the early prospectors.

MRS. HELEN HUNT JACKSON, the well-known authoress, died at San Francisco of cancer in the stomach.

MRS. MARY PATRICK, the fiancée of Sir Charles Dilke, is in India on a pleasure trip. On learning of the scandal with which the name of her intended husband is connected she immediately telegraphed Sir Charles to announce their engagement public.

SENATOR VEST was reported suffering from neuritis at Helena, Mont., recently. LORD VANE ENSTED died in England recently. He served with distinction in the Federal army during the late war in America.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

DYSENTERY was reported becoming epidemic at Bridgeport, a mining village of Pennsylvania. The disease was due to famine and filth, most of the laboring population being out of employment.

COLONEL ANGELO RODRIGUEZ of the party of Limbano Sanchez and six bandits belonging to the party of Torre Jimenez were shot at Matanzas. They were captured while negotiating for outward passage.

GORSUCH, the Anarchist, addressed the strikers in the public square at Cleveland, O., again on the 11th. The red flag was waved and the use of dynamite recommended.

THE Social Purity Society, of London, was settling recently for a new trial of Mrs. Jeffreys, for the purpose of securing a public disclosure of the names of politicians and noblemen who frequented her house.

THE Smith court martial at Washington completed its work on the 11th and the court was temporarily adjourned. The findings would be sent to the President for his approval or disapproval.

ACTING SECRETARY FAIRCHILD recently directed that a supplemental competitive examination be held at the Treasury for the purpose of filling seven vacancies of the grade of cadets in the Revenue Marine Service.

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THE French revenue returns for the past several months, recently made public, showed that the protective legislation had failed to exclude foreign sugars.

THE reports of cholera from all of the infected districts of Spain for the 12th showed 6,646 new cases and 2,109 deaths.

RECENT advices from Deadwood say that a water-spout struck Lone Tree Creek near Chadron, Dak., flooding the valley and drowning four men, two children and a number of horses, besides washing away several hundred yards of newly finished railroad grade.

THE Union Pacific Railroad issued an order on the 11th reducing the number of working hours from ten to eight hours a day and cutting down on Saturdays to four hours a day. A strike was thought to be imminent.

FRANK and John Donahue were buried beneath a fall of earth in a stone quarry at Youngstown, O., recently. The former was dismembered and lived only a short time. The injuries of the latter were believed to be fatal.

SEVEN men and officers had a fight at Bay City, Mich., recently. Several were injured. The riot occurred in resisting arrest.

THE stock of the Nashville (Tenn.) Saddlery Company was injured by fire the other night to the amount of \$65,000; fully covered by insurance.

A DESTRUCTIVE cyclone occurred in Northern New York on the afternoon of the 12th. Norwood, St. Lawrence County, was greatly damaged and eight lives were reported lost.

THE Greenwood Iron Works, operated by the Parrott Iron Company, at Greenwood, N. Y., shut down the other night. The liabilities are said to be from \$100,000 to \$200,000 with assets of \$500,000. Five or six thousand dollars are due the employees.

THE firm of J. S. Martin & Son, wholesale grocers, 109 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, has suspended payment.

LETTERS from Suakin say that the troops are dying like flies. The officials, however, will not report such a condition of affairs.

NINE young ladies took the veil at the Mattenlock convent, Wilkesbarre, Pa., one morning recently, under the direction of Bishop O'Hara. The ladies were from various towns and cities in this country and Europe.

THE family of Daniel Ashbaugh, Jr., near New Philadelphia, Pa., was poisoned recently by eating locoweed. One boy died and the mother and a young child were not expected to live. Two girls named Richardson from the Dayton Orphans' Home, who were visiting the family, were also in a critical condition.

THE United States Treasury Department has authorized the American Express Company to receive the baggage of passengers from Europe upon arrival in New York to be forwarded immediately in bond without examination to the principal ports of entry in the United States and Canada, where the duties, if any, will be assessed.

A CASE of leprosy was reported at Hong Kong, China, recently. On inquiry into the leper, the Chinamen in the house said he had gone away, they did not know where.

THE Montreal Local Board of Health has declared the smallpox epidemic in that city.

# KANSAS STATE NEWS.

## A Strange Story From the City of Brotherly Love.

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# LAND MONOPOLISTS.

## Partial List of Lands Affected by the President's Proclamation.

WASHINGTON, August 12.—The following is a list of illegal enclosures of public lands of which the General Land Office has specific knowledge which are affected by the President's proclamation of yesterday:

Devery Brothers, Pueblo County, Colo.	62,750
John Ross, Pueblo County, Colo.	14,750
John Herpessing, Pueblo County, Colo.	40,000
Lankford Brothers, Pueblo County, Colo.	14,250
S. C. Tolia, Pueblo County, Colo.	32,250
John G. Haas, Pueblo County, Colo.	1,500
Daniel Kees, Bent County, Colo.	1,250
Reed & Andrews, Bent County, Colo.	2,500
David DeGraff, El Paso County, Colo.	10,800
Robert Douglas, El Paso County, Colo.	1,750
Allen & Link, Park County, Colo.	12,500
S. F. Spangley, Park County, Colo.	6,500
James H. Taylor, Arapahoe County, Colo.	2,250
Pointedate & Orr, Beaver County, Mont.	90,800
Charles Hansen, Silver Bow County, Mont.	4,000
Solomon Jennings, Silver Bow County, Mont.	7,800
James A. Campbell, Custer County, Mont.	2,500
C. H. South, Liberty County, Wyo.	9,000
William Wallace, Deer Lodge, Mont.	4,500
Montgomery, Thomas & A. J. W. Smith, men and Harper Counties, Kan.	4,100
William Murphy, Lander and Eureka Counties, Nev.	11,500
Rafael & Bradley, Lander County, Nev.	1,300
Crane & Jardine, Lander County, Nev.	3,300
Andrew Hamilton, Lander County, Nev.	8,500
O. F. Coffee & Co., Sioux County, Neb.	6,000
Circle Bar Company, Sioux County, Neb.	5,800
Van Buren Live Stock Company, Neb.	6,272
Dakota Stock Company, Neb.	61,901
Oden & Ares, Sioux County, Neb.	3,000
Thomas Ray, Sioux County, Neb.	1,200
Patrick L. Lacy, Sioux County, Neb.	700
Northwestern Cattle Company, Sioux County, Mont.	14,000
Marion Stevens, Sioux County, Mont.	8,000
A. S. Polk, Bent County, Colo.	15,700
M. T. Hopkins, Bent County, Colo.	2,300
Colman Cattle Company, Bent County, Colo.	3,000
H. S. Holby, Bent County, Colo.	1,200
McLean Bros., Bent County, Colo.	2,100
Joseph Graham, Bent County, Colo.	1,200
James H. Taylor, Arapahoe County, Colo.	2,250
A. J. Anderson, Bent County, Colo.	1,000
Humphrey Best, Bent County, Colo.	2,000
G. W. Galt, Bent County, Colo.	1,000
J. W. Potter, Bent County, Colo.	4,500
W. B. Davis, Pueblo County, Colo.	6,200
W. T. Burns, Las Animas County, Colo.	800
B. K. Kimberly, Arapahoe County, Colo.	3,200
D. Schaffer, Arapahoe County, Colo.	3,200

Suits have been instituted or recommended in the following cases:

Arkansas Valley Land and Cattle Company, Colorado	1,000,000
Prarie Cattle Company, Colorado	1,000,000
Hall & Hanna, Colorado	38,000
John H. Anderson, Colorado	4,000
James & Hess, Colorado	8,300
John Bowers, Colorado	20,000
Brighton Ranch, Nebraska	30,000
Benjamin Hervey, Nebraska	500
Irish Nichols, Montana	1,000
Morrill C. Keith, Colorado	1,450
Burke & Sons, Colorado	350

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# ANOTHER MINE DISASTER.

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SUPPLIED WITH SAFETY LAMPS, as it was well known that the gas would accumulate. About seventy-five men were in the mine at the time when the fan broke. The workmen repairing the fan were the first overcome with the gas. About an hour later the same fate happened to many more in the mine. Before the men fully realized their danger more than twenty were unconscious. Those who could then escape did so. Superintendent John Beale and several of his men became unconscious and were with difficulty rescued. Others went down and in the face of immense difficulties and in the face of being continually overpowered with gas got